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- GREECE

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SUMMARY: DRC REVIEW ON APRIL 2 OF NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES (NMA'S) 1975-80 FORCE PROPOSALS FOR GREECE INJECTED GREATER REALISM INTO FREEK FORCE PROPOSALS PACKAGE. REVIEW SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED TOTAL PACKAGE, HOWEVER IMPLEMENTATION OF MOST PROPOSALS CALLING FOR MAJOR EQUIPMENT IS STILL CONTINGENT ON AVAILILITY OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE. SEVERAL LOW COST PROPOSALS WERE PLACED IN CATEGORY OF BEING ENTIRELY NATIONALLY FUNDED. DRC DELETED ONE US PRIORITY PROPOSAL AND MODIFIED A NUMBER OF OTHER US PRIORITY PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY.

1. DRC IN DAY-LONG MEETING ON APRIL 2 UNDERTOOK TO CONVERT NMA'S FORCE PROPOSALS FOR GREECE INTO DRAFT 1975-80 FORCE GOALS THAT REPRESENT A RESONABLE CHALLENGE. GREEK DELEGATION TO
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NATO REPS (MR. RAPHAEL AND COL. HATZIS) EMPHASIZED THAT ONLY ABOUT ONE-FOURTH OF PROPOSALS PACKAGE COULD BE NATIONALLY FUNDED. CHAIRMAN (BRABAND) SUGGESTED GROUPING PROPOSALS INTO THREE BASKETS: 1) PROPOSALS TO BE IMPLEMENTED FROM GREEK

RESOURCES, 2) PROPOSAL DEPENDENT ON EXTERNAL AID, AND 3) DELETED PROPOSALS. US REP (CLINARD) SAID DRC SHOULD INJECT REALISM INTO ENTIRE APPROACH, INCLUDING THOSE PROPOSALS GOING INTO EXTERNAL AID BASKET. HE FURTHER STRESSED THAT US SUPPORT FOR PARTICULAR FORCE PROPOSALS SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS INDICATION OF US ATTITUDE TOWARD PROVISION OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PROPOSALS.

2. DRC REVIEW SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED TOTAL FORCE PROPOSAL PACKAGE. REDUCTION INCLUDED DELETION OF SERIAL 1M16 (US PRIORITY PROPOSAL) AS A LOW PRIORITY REQUIREMENT. SEVERAL HIGH COST PROPOSALS (SERIALS 1L19, 1A11 AND 1A13) WERE ALSO DELETED. DRC MODIFIED MANY OTHER PROPOSALS, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF U.S. PRIORITY PROPOSALS. MODIFICATIONS MOVED TOWARD INJECTING GREATER REALISM INTO PROPOSALS PACKAGE BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SHIFTING EMPHASIS TO MODERNIZATION OF CATEGORY A UNITS. DRC UNDERLINED LIMITED POSSIBILITY OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE FOR IMPROVING UNITS NOT COMMITTED TO NATO. DRC SHIFTED FIVE LOW COST PROPOSALS (1L06, 1L17, 1L20, 1A20 AND 1A26), WHOSE IMPLEMENTATION DESCRIBED AS BEING PARTIALLY CONTINGENT ON EXTERNAL AID, INTO BASKET TO BE ENTIRELY NATIONALLY FUNDED, ON BASIS THEIR IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERED TO BE A REASONABLE CHALLENGE FOR GREECE. GREEK REPS "NOTED" THIS ACTION. IN REGARD TO LOW COST ITEMS, CHAIRMAN STRESSED THAT RECEIPTION FACILITIES FOR EXTERNAL REINFORCEMENTS ARE A HOST NATION RESPONSIBILITY.

3. DRC MODIFIED US PRIORITY PROPOSALS FOR GREECE IN FOLLOWING MANNER:

1L03 B AND C: REWORD TO INDICATE IMPROVE AA DEFENSE BY CONTINUING TO INTRODUCE LAW AND MAW. DATE DELETED.

1L09: LIMITE IMPROVEMENTS TO CAT A UNITS.

1M01: CHANGE LANGUAGE TO CALL FOR IMPROVEMENTS INCITALLY TO 2 GEARING CLASS DESTROYERS; THE REAST TO FOLLOW LATER.
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GREEK REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES CAN FUND 20 PERCENT OF ESTIMATED COSTS.

1M09: REPHASE TO CALL FOR REPLACEMENT BY 1980 OF OBSOLETE AIRCRAFT IN SERVICE BY ACQUIRING AIRCRAFT WITH IMPROVED ASW CAPABILITY. PROPOSAL CONSIDERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOAL TO ACQUIRE ASW HELICOPTERS (1M07), WHICH WAS REWORDED TO CALL FOR 20 BY 1980. GREEK REP ANNOUNCED GREECE WILL SHARE 30 PERCENT OF PROCUREMENT COST OF 12 SHORE-BASED SEA KING HELICOPTERS.

1M10: REVISE TO LIMIT PROPOSED INCREASE TO 30 DAY LEVEL.

1M16: DELETE.

1A03: REWORD TO INITATE THE PHASED INTRODUCTION OF AN ECCM CAPABILITY IN ALL VITAL ELECTROMAGNETIC SYSTEMS BEGINNING IN 1975.

1A04 C AND D: ADD INTRODUCTORY PHRASE "INVESTIGATE FEASIBILITY OF" AND ADD A SUB-PROPOSAL 1A04E WHICH STATES "GIVE PRREFERENCE IN PROVISION OF ECM EQUIPMENT TO NEWER MODEL AIRCRAFT".

1A10: ADD INTRODUCTORY PHRASE "STUDY MEANS OF PROVIDING" AND DELETE DATE.

1A12A: CHANGE TO READ, "INVESTIGATE WITH NATO PARTNERS".

1A12B: ADD INTRODUCTORY PHRASE "IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER ALLIES".

1A18: REWORD TO READ "CONTINUE THE PHASED IMPEMNTATION OF STANAG 3430, ETC.".

1A19A: REPHRASE TO INDICATE INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATO PARTNERS WITH A VIEW TOWARD COMMENCING PROVISION OF ESM EQUIPMENT BY 1978.

1A24: ADD INTRODUCTORY WORD, "CONSIDER PROVISION OF".

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4. DRC ALSO MODIFIED SOME 15 NON-US PRIORITY PROPOSALS, INCLUDING EMPHASIZING CONVERSION OF AN INFRANTRY BDE TO AN ARMORED BDE BY 1978 (1L05 AND 1L08); MECHANIZATION OF INFANTRY DIVISIONS NOW CALLED FOR BY 1980. PORTION OF PROPOSALS RELATING TO CAT B AND C UNITS DROPPED. GREEK REP SAID 1M02 WOULD COST TWICE THE PRICE OF CURRENT ESTIMATE AND ADDED HIS AUTHORITIES WILLING TO FUND HALF OF INCREASED ESTIMATED COST. DRC REWORDED 1M05 TO CALL FOR 11 FPBGS, BUT THREE TO BE NATIONALLY FUNDED. GREEK REPS "NOTED" THIS ACTION. DRC MODIFIED 1A01 TO CALL FOR REPLACEMENT OF ONE SQUADRON WITHIN TIME PERIOD AND TO EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER IMPROVING AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY BY MODERNIZING A SECOND SQUADRON, AND 1A15 TO LIMIT PROPOSAL TO STUDY OF FUTURE REPLACEMENT OF F-5 SQUADRONS.

5. CHAIRMAN SPECULATED THAT DRC ACTIONS REDUCED BY ABOUT HALF ESTIMATED COSTS OF DR. 12,000 MILLION FOR FORCE PROPOSALS ADDITIONAL TO COUNTRY PLANS. PROVIDED THIS IS CORRECT, GREECE WILL BE MAKING AVAILABLE FROM NATIONAL FUNDS ROUGHLY HALF OF FUNDING REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT FORCE PROPOSAL PACKAGE. SECOND HALF OF PACKAGE CAN ONLY BE IMPLEMENTAED THROUGH EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE. CHAIRMAN SAID ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS BY POLITICAL AUTHORITIES IMPLIES SOME SORT OF ALLIANCE OBLIGATION TO HELP

IMPLEMENT PROPOSALS AND IN PARTICULAR HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN KNOWING IF COUNTRIES HAVE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT THAT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO GREECE.

6. IN CONCLUDING, CHAIRMAN APPLAUDED DRC EFFORT TO INJECT REALISM INTO FORCE PROPOSALS PACKAGE FOR GREECE. SHAPE REP SAID THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES RECOGNIZE THE GREEK FORCE PROPOSALS CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED IN TOTALITY FOR ECONOMIC REASONS, BUT THE PROPOSAL PACKAGE PRESENTED BY SHAPE REPRESENTS MILITARY REQUIREMENTS TO CORRECT CRITICAL DEFICIENCIES; DEFERRAL OF MODERNIZATION MEANS INCREASED MILITARY RISKS.
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